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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YANOFSKY and LILJEGREN

Application No.: 09/978,382

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: SELECTIVE CONTROL OF
LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN
TRANSGENIC PLANTS

Examiner: AD Mehta

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time to respond for two months, from May 12, 2003 to July 14, 2003 (July 12 is a Saturday), accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.